4. To evaluate the long term effects of such radio programmes in the same group of listners.

This collaborative project will be undertaken by AIR and ICMR for a duration of two years. Voluntory agencies would also be involved in the study. The project would design and develop a series of radio programmes in Hindi as well as 17 regional languages.

Approximately one lakh persons are expected to register themselves with AIR, for this programme. A preintervention questionnaire would be mailed to them to test their knowledge, attitude and practices regarding drugs, alcohol & tobacco. A similar questionnaire sent to them after the broadcast on each theme would provide a measure regarding effect of the programme. A community survey before and after the intervention would provide the effect on general population.

The intervention will be carried out for 6 months. The programmes will be broadcast from 8th April, 1990 by all the 104 AIR stations in regional languages. To further assess the effects of the intervention two follow up surveys would be undertaken at six monthly interval. Depending upon the results of these surveys the feasibility of the programme would be reviewed with regard to this continuation.

Statement-II

List of ongoing Intervention Projects on Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco usage

1. Radio DATE-Joint project of All India Radio and Indian Council of Medical Research on integrated broadcasting.

Overall Objective

To assess the effect of Radio as an instrument of change in regard to drugs, alcohol & tobacco consumption in the community.

Centre: Delhi.

2. Assessment of the efficacy of an anti-tobacco community education programme.

Overall objectives

1. To prevent the uptake of tobacco habit by nonhabitues in the the community.

2. To stop the tobacco habit in the habitues.

Centres: Bangalore, Goa, Agra, Trivendrum.

3. Collaborative study on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Objectives:

1. To assess the magnitude of the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

2. To monitor the use of narcotic drugs & psycotropic substances.

3. To assess the efficacy of different therapeutic regimes in its control.

Centres: Delhi, Lucknow, Jodhpur

Imports of potassium penicillin V Ist Crystals by small scale units

812. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from the small scale units for having been discriminated in the matter of import of Potassium Penicilin V Ist Crystals during the year 1987, 1988, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken to compensate these small scale units for the losses suffered by them during the above period as a result of this discrimination; and

(d) if no action has been taken what are the resaons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It was represented that the Import Policy for Penicillin V was violated in favour of one unit, ignoring the claims of others, and the losses thus incurred by the latter should be compensated.

(c) and (d) The matter has been examined and since no discrimination was noted against these units, the question of compensating them does not arise:

Hike in the expenditure by ONGC during Eighth Plan Period

813. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state; :

(a whether it is a fact that ONGC propose to hike its expenditure during the Eighth Plan period to Rs. 15,000 crores with 50 per cent increase in oil production, if so, what are the considerations, thereof;

(b) whether Government have assessed the economic viability of the new oil fields like Krishna-Godavari basin and Gandhar, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for not releasing information by ONGC regarding individual oil fields and their potentiality for economically recoverable oil?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) ONGC proposes to increase its crude oil production during the 8th Plan period. The extent of increase and plan outlay required for the same will, however, be decided only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan as a whole.

(b) Assessment of the viability of gas & oil production from new areas like Krishna Godavari is done by the oil companies in the first instance. The economic viability of such projects which need to be approved by the Government is examined after the Project reports are received by the Govt. One project report for Tatipaka Paslarpudi area earlier received by the Govt. is under further examination of ONGC.

As regards Gandhar Oil field in Gujarat, the viability has already been assessed by ONGC and the feasibility report is under process in Government.

(c) The information about reserves production from the individual onshore and offshore fields/structures is treated as confidential and is not divulged in the public interest.

Corruption in Cement Corporation of India

814. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which was published in the Hindu of the 9th February, 1990 captioned "Corruption in Cement Corporations alleged" to the effect that the losses incurred by the Corporation had been suppressed in the Annual Report for 1988-89;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the matter if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Press report purports to refer to the non-inclusion of the incidental expenditure in regard to some plants during the